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In re application of:

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A METHOD OF IMPLEMENTING CASHLESS PLAY OF

GAMING DEVICES INTERCONNECTED BY A COMPUTER

NETWORK

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PETITION TO REVIVE APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)

The above-identified application became abandoned on March 17, 2004, because there were no claims allowed when the Examiner dismissed Appellant's appeal finding that Appellant's Supplemental Appeal Brief, filed after the Examiner reopened prosecution, did not satisfy 37 C.F.R. 1.192(c)(7), (d) because of defective grouping of claims. Following notification of the dismissal of the appeal, Appellant promptly, but unsuccessfully, petitioned to withdraw the holding of abandonment. Appellant received the Decision on Petition on June 21, 2004. The present Petition is filed within 3 months of the date of that decision.

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b).

1. Petition fee:

Large entity fee of \$1,330.00 under (37 CRF 1.17(m)).

2. Reply:

The reply in the form of an amended Supplemental Appeal Brief containing the grouping of claims as set forth by the Examiner, statements of the separate patentability of the claims, and arguments with respect to the issues presented is enclosed herewith in triplicate.

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- 3. Since this utility application was filed after May 29, 2000, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- 4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the Supplemental Appeal Brief from the due date for the required brief until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.
- 5. Fee Payment:
- PTO form 2038 authorizing credit card payment of \$1300.00 (petition fee) is enclosed.
- Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account number 13-1703.

Respectfully submitted,

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